

The requested amendments to Claims 1 and 9 are shown in the attached Appendix A (page 7) in a marked-up version of those claims, as required by 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(ii). Deletions are shown by strike-through, and additions are shown by underlining. The effect of the incorporation into Claims 1 and 9 of the requested amendments is shown in the attached Appendix B (page 8) in a clean version of those claims, as required by 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(i).

Remarks: General

The claims have been amended by rewriting Claims 1 and 9, and by canceling Claims 16~30 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Support in the specification for certain claim elements that were not present in the claims as originally filed or as previously amended, but that now appear in amended Claim 1, is as follows:

in Claim 1, the recited flexural modulus may be found in Table 1 on page 2.

The amendment to Claim 9 is not related to patentability inasmuch as it is made for the purpose of correcting an obvious clerical error.

A petition under 37 CFR §1.136 for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's action is enclosed, the fee for which should be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

By Applicant's calculation, no fees are due by reason of this amendment to the claims. The cancellation of Claims 16~30 has been taken into account in the calculation of the fees. If, however, Applicant's calculation is in error, please charge to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 any fee, other than or in addition to those mentioned above, that is required to authorize or obtain consideration of this response.

Claims 1~15 are now active in the application. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and further examination of the application in view of Applicant's explanation below of the novelty and unobviousness of the subject matter of the claims as herein amended.